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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING
Shifting the Focus...Toward Performance-Based Outcomes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) will hold the first of two public hearings on November 2–3, 2011, at Stanford University in Paul Brest Hall. Titled *Shifting the Focus to Reshape Our Thinking Toward Performance-Based Outcomes*, the first hearing will center on the current state of corrections (including jails, prisons, parole, and probation) and address organizational change in the correctional environment. Scheduled to testify are more than 20 experts in criminal justice, public safety, and corrections. Diane Williams, NIC Advisory Board Chair and CEO of the Safer Foundation, will provide opening remarks followed by Max Williams, NIC Advisory Hearing Subcommittee Chair and Director of Oregon Department of Corrections, who will moderate the panel discussion.

Ms. Williams will begin the hearing with local testimony from Matthew Cate, Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Additional panelists will include:

- Dr. Joan Petersilia, Stanford University Law School
- Alex Busansky, National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- Lovisa Stannow, Just Detention International
- Patricia Caruso, formerly of the Michigan Department of Corrections
- Joe McCannon, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Don Head, Correctional Services of Canada

In spring 2012, NIC will convene a second hearing in Aurora, Colorado, at the National Corrections Academy. The focus will be on corrections cost containment in the current economic environment.

The full agenda for this hearing and others is available at www.nicic.gov/publichearings.

Seating is available for a limited number of observers and the media. For observer requests, contact Donna Deutsch (ddeutsch@mossgroup.us) at 202-510-9681. For media requests, contact Donna Ledbetter (dledbetter@bop.gov) at 202-514-4072 or 202-353-5261.

About NIC:

The National Institute of Corrections is a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. Its mission is to provide training, information, and technical assistance to the nation's jails, prisons, and community corrections facilities.

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